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SUBJ: RED:ESCAP: REQUEST FOR EXPERIENCED OFFSHORE GEOLOGIST

1. DR. C. Y. LI, DIRECTOR CCOP (COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION OF JOINT PROSPECTING FOR MINERAL RESOURCES IN ASIAN OFFSHORE AREAS) HAS REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE TO MEET URGENT REQUEST OF PETRONAS (MALAYSIAN STATE OIL COMPANY) FOR ADVISORY SERVICES OF EXPERIENCED PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST. LI BELIEVES CHARLES MASTERS, CHIEF OF OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES OF USGS, WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN MAY AND HE WOULD LIKE HIM (OR ANOTHER EQUALLY EXPERIENCED US OFFSHORE PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST) TO PROVIDE ADVICE TO PETRONAS AS A HIGH-LEVEL CCOP CONSULTANT ON A FEW WEEKS ASSIGNMENT.

2. AS CCOP CONSULTANT, HIS ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE TO ADVISE GOM:

(A) IN ORGANIZING GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS IN OFFSHORE PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT INCLUDING RECRUITING AND TRAINING NATIONAL EXPERTS IN TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF EXPLORATION;

(B) IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND TIME SCHEDULES FOR AWARDED OFFSHORE TRACTS;

(C) IN EVALUATING OFFSHORE EXPLORATION DATA FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES;

(D) IN PROVIDING OFFSHORE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND IN PLANNING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MALAYSIAN REGULATIONS;

(E) IN DELINEATING AREAS FOR FOLLOW-UP WORK.

3. ACCORDING TO FRANK WANG, USGS MARINE GEOLOGIST WHO WORKS FOR DR. LI, PETRONAS NEEDS ALL THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IT CAN GET.

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WANG, AS CCOP CONSULTANT WHO MADE ONE WEEK SURVEY IN KL, RECENTLY

HAD TO HELP PETRONAS STAFF DRAFT ROUTINE BUSINESS LETTERS TO INTERNATIONAL OIL FIRMS. ACCORDING TO WANG, PETRONAS IS IDEOLOGICALLY FEARFUL OF LARGE INTERNATIONAL OIL FIRMS SUCH AS EXXON OR SHELL. YET, MALAYSIANS WOULD PREFER SEEK TECHNICAL ADVICE OF AMERICANS AND AUSTRALIANS AS OPPOSED TO FRENCH, GERMAN OR JAPANESE. SOME PETRONAS OFFICIALS APPARENTLY FAVOR INCREASED OFFSHORE EXPLORATORY ACTIVITIES OF SMALLER AMERICAN INDEPENDENT FIRMS.

4. RED CONSIDERS CCOP REQUEST PROVIDES GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR USGS TO PROVIDE USEFUL MODERATE ADVICE TO PETRONAS IN ITS EARLY FORMATIVE PERIOD. ACCORDING TO DR. LI, MALAYSIA PREFERS RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN FIELD OF OFFSHORE PETROLEUM UNDER UN UMBRELLA RATHER THAN DIRECTLY FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

5. RED BELIEVES USGS MAY BE ABLE TO FUND THIS 2-3 WEEK ASSIGNMENT FOR MASTERS' TRAVEL TO KUALA LUMPUR BUT, IF USGS CANNOT, PLEASE ADVISE.

6. EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR VIEWS AND CONCURRENCE REQUESTED.
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